

REMARKS

In the Notice Regarding Drawings, it was noted that the specification mentions FIGs. 9C and 9D and no such drawings were submitted. The description relating to FIGs. 9C and 9D is not required. Thus, the above amendment deletes reference to these drawings.

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to the specification does not involve the introduction of new matter. As such, it is requested that the foregoing amendment be entered into the subject application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

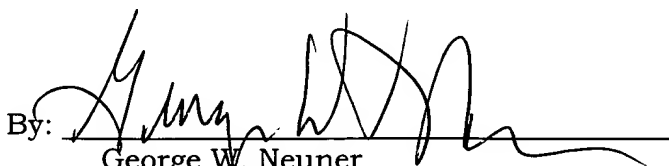
Applicant would note that the within Rule 312 amendment is being submitted, *not* to implement a change sought by Applicant but rather is in Response to the Notice Regarding Drawings that was made *after* the mailing of the Notice of Allowance. As such, Applicant submits that any delay that is attributable to the submission of the within Rule 312 amendment should thus not result in a reduction in the previously determined 670 day(s) of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. §154.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

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